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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO.
STATE RCI//INFO MR FRY. NMCC//ATTENTION NMCCIA REP. TREASURY DEPT//
INFO MR JOHN YEO.

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: 17 MAY 1971

SUBJECT: BHUTTO'S COMMENTS ON CHOU EN-LAI

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PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, UPON HIS RETURN FROM CHINA, DID NOT HAVE MUCH NEW LIGHT TO SHED ON CHOU EN-LAI'S STATUS. BHUTTO NOTED THAT CHOU EN-LAI SEEMED MUCH OLDER BUT THAT HIS MIND WAS QUITE ALERT. CHOU SAID THAT HE WAS NOT WELL BECAUSE HE IS OLD, AND BHUTTO REMARKED THAT AT LEAST SIX OTHER CHINESE OFFICIALS HAD USED THE SAME WORDS IN DESCRIBING CHOU'S CONDITION.

CHOU SAID THAT HIS DOCTORS HAD TOLD HIM NOT TO ATTEND MEETINGS THAT LASTED MORE THAN AN HOUR, BUT HE APPARENTLY DISREGARDED THE WARNING DURING BHUTTO'S VISIT. HE ACCOMPANIED BHUTTO TO A MEETING WITH MAO THAT LASTED AN HOUR AND A HALF AND HELD TALKS WITH BHUTTO THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS. DURING THE MEETING WITH MAO, ACCORDING TO BHUTTO, CHOU DID NOT HESITATE TO AMPLIFY

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MAO'S COMMENTS OR TO INTERRUPT THE CHAIRMAN. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE MAO/CHOU RELATIONSHIP REMAINS A CLOSE ONE.

SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CHOU MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM SECOND ECHELON PAKISTANI OFFICIALS. E2 IMPDET.

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